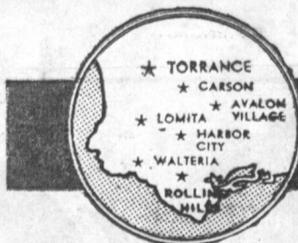


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COMMISSION REJECTS THEATER, COUNCIL DELAYS VOTE ONE WEEK

TRAGEDY . . .

Mother of Four Drowns; Children Orphaned

A coroner's autopsy shows that there was no foul play involved in the death last Saturday of Frances Addie Walsh, 33, of 1551 W. 221st St.

The Torrance woman was declared a victim of drowning after an investigation by Palos Verdes Estates Police. She was found among the rocks in the ocean on Bluff Cove below the 700 block of Paseo del Mar.

The dead woman was discovered by Dr. Stuart A. Marsee, president of El Camino College, about 2 p.m. Saturday.

Marsee said he was taking his usual weekend walk down the beach when he spotted the corpse lying face down on the rocks above the water line.

FOUR CHILDREN

Mrs. Walsh, a mother of four minor children, ages 2, 4, 13 and 14 had seemed in "good spirits" a short time prior to her death, according to acquaintances.

She employed a baby sitter who was still with her children at the time Mrs. Walsh was found "dead from drowning."

Police reports disclose Mrs. Walsh's husband died in Honolulu, Christmas Day of last year. While she had a tendency to become despondent, there is no indication that her death was due to "suicide."

ACCIDENTAL

Palos Verdes Estates Police said that death must be attributed to "accidental drowning" at this point. They said a chemical check is being made to determine if another cause for death

might be found.

After Mrs. Walsh was discovered her body was sent to the County Morgue. At the time of death, she was wearing pedal pushers, and her body was lying above the high tide line.

Mrs. Walsh's children will be cared for by a sister, authorities reported.

Narcotic User Found Lifeless

Investigation is continuing into the cause of Thomas H. Solomon's death, according to Sheriff's Sgt. Bob Chapman.

Chapman reported the 21-year-old victim, an alleged narcotics user, was a transient whose last address had been 1005 W. 222nd St.

He was found dead Sunday in an alley near 106th St. and Budlong Ave., sheriff's reports showed.

"We are not ruling out possible foul play," Chapman said, "but there are strong indications that he may have died from an overdose of narcotics."

Chapman said the victim carried a narcotic kit, and his body bore needle marks. A coroner's autopsy is now under way.

Lynn Cites Need for Overpass

An overpass must be built for children who are forced to cross Crenshaw Blvd. at 186th St. to attend Crenshaw School.

This is the contention of School Board Member Bert Lynn. In a report to other members on the board, Lynn said:

"There is no question in my mind but that with over 90 percent of the pupils having to cross this busy highway an overpass must be built — and built soon."

Estimated cost of the overpass is \$30,000. Lynn made a study of the Crenshaw school situation. His findings show the problem is more complex because of the speculation the road may be a six-lane highway soon.

Other complications arise because of the off and on ramps of the San Diego Freeway, to be opened in August, (a block north of the school). This will increase the traffic considerably.

The School Board has authorized School Supt. J. H. Hull to approach the City Council, County and State officials with a plan whereby together with the school district each would share one-fourth the cost of constructing an overpass.

Greyhound Opens Local Station

The City Council Tuesday paved the way for the opening of a Greyhound Bus Depot in downtown Torrance by providing a special parking zone.

The depot at 1212 El Prado, officially opening today, is being permitted three red bus parking spaces in front of the bus station.

The move was granted by the council upon the request of Helen Wasie, who will operate the facility.

Cafeteria Food Prices to Rise

Prices of food in the cafeterias of Torrance schools will go up this fall, according to action of the board of education Monday night.

The price hike ought to raise \$50,000 and make the school cafeterias self-supporting, the board concluded.

At the elementary school level, the only price hike will be the pupil lunches with milk — from 30 to 35 cents.

According to the board, many school districts in Southern California have charged 35 cents for lunches with milk at the elementary level for years.

At the high schools hikes will include: cakes, 15 to 20 cents; egg salad and cheese sandwiches, 10 to 15 cents; tuna salad, chicken salad and cold meat sandwiches and chili beans with crackers and milk shakes, 15 to 20 cents.

Communism Textbook Will Be Offered to High School Students

By CAROLYN PERKIO

"The World of Communism," a textbook which includes the 100 questions about communism most often asked by American high school students, was adopted for Torrance seniors Monday night by the board of education.

The textbook, written by Roger Swearingen, will be used next fall for twelfth grade students in United States Government and World Affairs courses. This is not a new course, but a reorganization of Senior Problems.

According to Dr. A. N. Posner, assistant superintendent of public instruction, the textbook compares the various types of governments, showing the differences between democracies

and dictatorships. He added that the text shows the capitalistic versus the collectivistic approach to economics and shows the advantage of the United States system.

The author of the book is associate professor of international relations and director of the Soviet-Asian Studies center and of Research Institute on Communist Strategy and Propaganda at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Kurt Shery, board member, stressed before approval that the textbook selected by the board should show that, while Russia is a leading power, it is "failing to feed its people;" whereas, the U.S. provides for its citizens.

Contradictory Issues To Be Aired Tuesday

Residents of Torrance will have to wait another week to learn if the City Council will approve or reject a proposed theater at Rolling Hills Plaza. The area is located on airport lease land at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.

The council held up its decision at yesterday's session because the actual facts were confusing to a majority of the local legislators. A vote on the matter is expected to take place next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

ORAL REPORT

The move to wait a week was made after the Airport Commission gave an oral report stating that the commission had rejected the theater by a 3-2 vote.

The council and the commission met at the same time yesterday in adjoining rooms. After the council completed its business, the chamber was turned over to the Airport Commission for the balance of the meeting.

The council listened to the commission debate on the theater, located on the Jefferson, Inc. lease. After the commission completed its business, the council returned from a temporary recess to hear the commission's oral report.

FACTS HEARD

As soon as all the facts were heard, Councilman Nick Drale said he was ready to vote, and he made a move that the theater be denied. His move was seconded by councilman Ross Sciarrotta.

Most of the councilmen did not appear ready to give their approval. Councilman Ken Miller pleaded that more time was necessary to study the matter. Councilman Victor Benstead asked

for a written report before any decision were made. Mayor Albert Isen said that he would like more time to consider the aspects of "safety."

Meanwhile Councilman J. A. Beasley introduced a substitute motion requesting that the matter be delayed for a week.

The Airport Commission first voted to maintain a C-4 zone at the Rolling Hills Plaza lease by a 5-0 majority. Then the commission split 3-2 against granting a theater permit for the leaseholder.

Opposing the theater were commissioners Joe Doss, Jack Brown, and Homer Morgan. Proponents of the theater were commissioners Tom Abrams and Robert Herrick, president.

Opponents of a theater at the Rolling Hills Plaza lease expressed the fear that the motion picture house would jeopardize the airport.

APPROACH ZONE

Airport Manager Jack Egan said that it was "good airmanship not to place any more concentration in the approach zone," to the airport.

He pointed out that in the history of airports there have been some catastrophes in approach zones and that there might be others in the future. He said that in his 25 years experience in aircraft circles he believed it was best to have agricultural land in the approaches.

Court Preliminary Hearing Set for Murder Suspect In S. B. Municipal Court

A preliminary hearing on one count of murder will be faced by Emil J. Zirbes at 9:30 a.m. Friday in South Bay Municipal Court.

The alleged murderer, who according to police reports shot and killed his wife last Friday, will appear before Judge Otto Willett in Division 2.

At his arraignment in Municipal Court Monday, Zirbes was given a copy of the complaint issued by deputy District Atty. James Keir.

The accused man's only statement came when the judge asked him whether he wanted the services of the public defender or was prepared to employ private legal aid. Zirbes said he would hire his own attorney.

SIX SHOTS

Zirbes, 53, 5418 Calle de Ricardo, reportedly pumped six shots into his wife, Margaret, 48, at the family home. When Torrance Police arrested him, he could not answer questions because he was in a stupor.

Burglar Steals \$1924 From Dress Shop

A burglary over the weekend at Judy's Sports Wear Shop in the Del Amo Shopping Center netted \$1924, according to Torrance Police Detective Jack Davis.

He said the report was made by an employee, Ruby Mae Edmundson. She discovered the cash loss when she opened the store Monday. Apparently no apparel disappeared, police reports disclosed.

Davis said he would conduct a full investigation in an attempt to find out who committed the burglary.

At the request of the Torrance Police Department, Zirbes was sent by ambulance to the County Jail Ward about 1 p.m. last Saturday. He recovered from the stupor Sunday, and county authorities sent him back to Torrance jail.

After Zirbes' arraignment on the murder charge, he was sent to the County Jail. Deputy District Atty. Tom McNary explained that after arraignments, the defendant is usually sent to the County Jail.

Police were called to arrest Zirbes last Friday upon the request of his son, Joseph Zirbes. He informed authorities after his father stated: "Call the Police, I have murdered your mother."

After the Torrance Police arrested Zirbes he remained in a stupor for a period of 10 hours.

The Zirbes' children Joseph, 19; Judy, 16, and Bonnie, 12, will be cared for by a close member of the family, according to a friend who was at the house a few days after the tragedy.

Meanwhile Mrs. Zirbes was interred Tuesday at Holy Cross Cemetery, 5835 W. Slauson, near Westchester following the recitation of rosary at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Torrance.

Zirbes, a prominent businessman, will be bound over for a preliminary hearing in Superior Court if he is held to answer in Municipal Court Friday.

Pick New President

Students at El Camino College have selected Joseph Palliani as president for the fall semester.

Assisting the new executive officer will be Jerry Goddard, vice president; Russ Hetherton, commissioner of assemblies; Karen Kepler, commissioner of activities; Paul Ingleman, commissioner of athletics, and Mike Harris, commissioner of rallies.

Fire Department Explains Types of Equipment Used

By AL TITELMAN

The Fire Department has four important pieces of equipment which aid not only in extinguishing fires, but in providing emergency medical treatment, according to Captain Walter B. West.

The resuscitator car, which provides medical aid, is furnished with emergency medical equipment. Designed for speed, the panel car contains such equipment as gas masks, breathing apparatus and ropes. Then men who operate the emergency car are trained in advanced medical techniques.

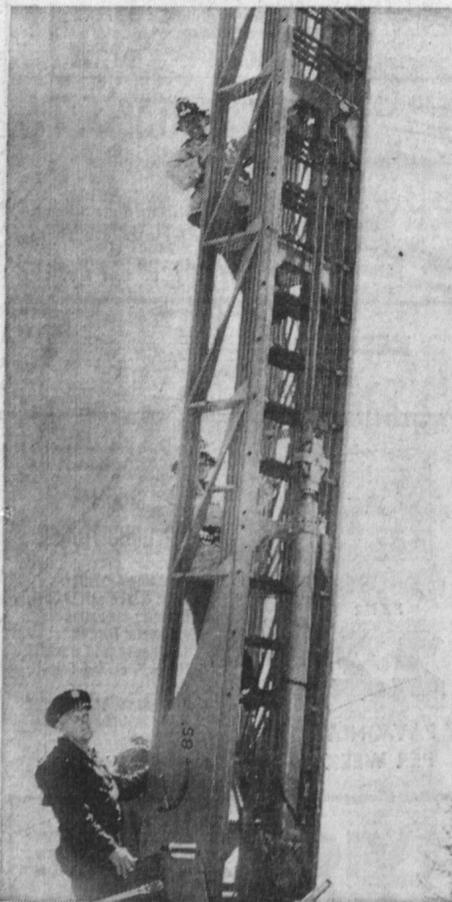
The trucks containing the hose and pump carrier develop the needed pressure to subdue flames in fire fighting. Known as pumpers, the trucks have three functions: self-contained water supply with high pressure hose, hydrant pumps in the hose bed and ladders, one of which is 85 feet in length.

The 85-foot hydraulically operated metal aerial ladder is used to rescue individuals and to get on buildings.

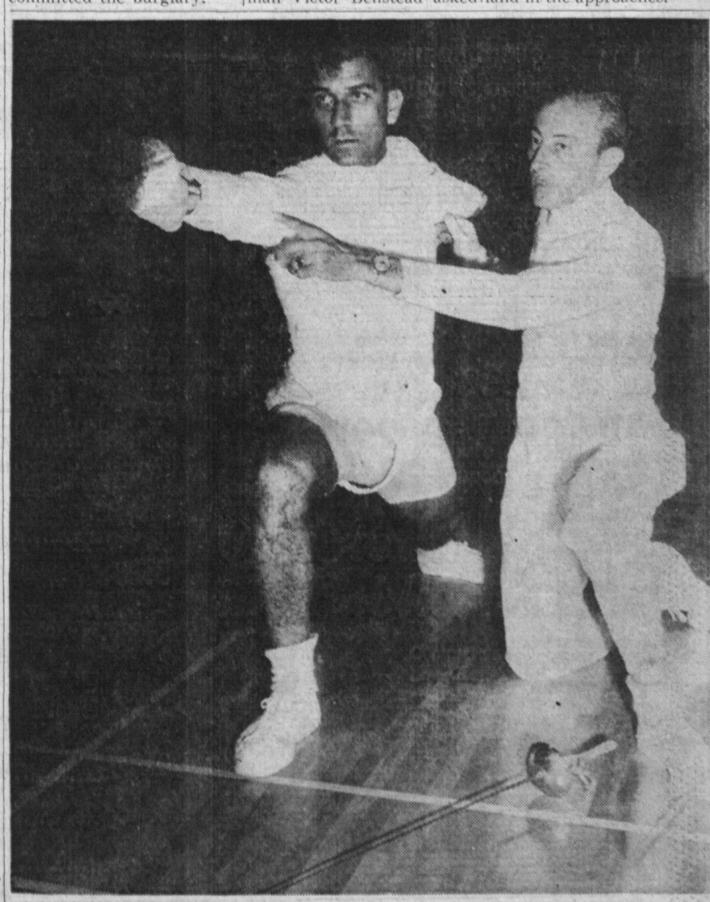
"The salvage truck is of prime importance in any

fire since 50 to 90 per cent of the damage could be caused by smoke and water," stated fireman Greg Powell. "The truck, composed of such items as a waterproof canvas, ropes, sawdust which absorbs water, a smoke ejector and patching equipment, is used to cut down on water and smoke damage. The firemen who work in this operation mop, sweep and carry out debris," Powell concluded.

All fire fighting vehicles have two-way radios from truck to truck and station to station. Each of the four stations—found at Crenshaw and Carson, the Torrance Airport, Yukon and Artesia, and Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. are strategically located to insure faster emergency community service.



FIRE LADDER — (from top to bottom) Firemen Greg Powell, Doug Bergen, Tony Salce, and Engineer Richard Sprout get the 85-foot aerial ladder ready for action.



TOUCHE — Knighthood is still in flower in Torrance, where the sport of chivalry is being practiced as avidly as it was in the Middle Ages. Shown at right is Instructor Lyle "Jeep" LaMont directing Roger Lawson during a recent session of the fencing class at North High School. The project is under the direction of the Torrance Recreation Department.